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1. From July 1948 until July 1953, about 315 Yugoslavs escaped into Albania. These refugees are located as follows: 108 in Vlone; 45 in Berat; 20 in Fier; and 15 in Tirana. Twenty-five Yugoslavs who are agents of the Albanian Intelligence Service are used in operational areas and do not have any permanent residence. Sixty-seven of the refugees are in various Albanian prisons. These latter have been sentenced for various crimes to imprisonment of 3-10 years. They are serving their terms in the following prisons: 23 in Tirana; 11 in Vlone; 3 in Shkoder; 7 in Elbasan; 7 in Berat; 4 in Peshkopi; and 12 in Gjinokaster. Ten refugees have died in Albanian prisons since the end of 1948. Refugees who are politically suspect are assigned to compulsory labor on the government cooperative farm which is operated by the Red Star Concentration Camp at Kamze. At present there are 25 refugees in this camp.

2. Of the 108 Yugoslav refugees living in Vlone, 30 have civilian employment in that city, and the others are living on a monthly subsidy of 3,500 leks which they receive from the Albanian Government. Fifty-four of the Yugoslavs in Vlone were formerly members of the Yugoslav Communist Party. Thirty-eight of these were party officials and 8 were officers in the Yugoslav Army. Eight of this group were also former soldiers or non-commissioned officers in the Yugoslav Army. Of the 108 refugees, 63 of them are members of the Yugoslav Political Refugees' Organization in Albania. Of this group, 14 are agents of the Albanian Intelligence, and since the end of 1948 they have carried out 44 missions in Yugoslavia.

3. In Berat there are 45 Yugoslav refugees. Twenty of them are employed in that city, while the others live on the government subsidies. Of this group 14 are members of the Yugoslav Political Organization in Albania.

4. In 1948, shortly after the first Yugoslav cominformists arrived in Albania, they established the Yugoslav National Committee in Tirana. The Committee publishes a newspaper called ZA SLOBODU (For Freedom) in Tirana. 25X1

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